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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RE: New Non-Provisional Patent Application**

Title: Seal Arrangement for Reducing the Seal Gaps Within a Rotary Flow Machine

Inventor(s): Erhard KREIS et al.

Attorney Ref. No.: 003-126

Sir:

**I. Enclosures:**

I enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new patent application:

1. A non-provisional patent application, including:
  - (A) 13 pages of description;
  - (B) 4 pages of claims (Claims 1-16);
  - (C) 1 page(s) of Abstract; and
  - (D) 2 sheet(s) of drawings (Figures 1a-6).
2. The Filing Fee of \$ 770.00 ☐ will follow ☒ is enclosed, paid by
  - ☒ check made payable to Director of the U.S. P.T.O.
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☐ Applicant is entitled to pay patent fees as a small entity.

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For	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee	or	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$385.00	or		\$770.00
Total Claims	17- 20 =	0	x \$9 =	\$0.00	or	x \$18 =	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	1- 3 =	0	x \$43 =	\$0.00	or	x \$86 =	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			+\$145 =	\$0.00	or	+ \$290 =	\$0.00
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3. An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney ☒ is attached ☐ will follow.
4. Other: Preliminary Amendment (9 pp)
5. Two (2) return postcard receipts.

**II. Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 &/or § 120**

A claim to priority under:

- ☒ 35 U.S.C. § 119 is made to application no. 2001 1766/01, filed in Switzerland on 25 September 2001.
- ☒ 35 U.S.C. § 120 is made to application no. PCT/IB02/03862, filed in WIPO on 19 September 2002.

**III. Filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

- ☐ This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Applicants respectfully await notification from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and Power of Attorney and/or the basic filing fee.

**IV. Extra Filing Fees**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge additional filing fees, and to credit any overpayment, to my Deposit Account No. 50-2821.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached post card receipts, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to my courier, and the other prepaid postcard be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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